



PET POLICY

The terms of this policy apply to the City of Chandler Housing and Redevelopment Division (COCHRD) Conventional Public Housing Program. **This policy does not apply to animals that are used to assist, support or provide service to persons with disabilities, or to service animals that visit public housing developments.**

A. Application for Pet Permit: Prior to housing any pet in a conventional housing unit, the resident shall apply to the COCHRD for a pet permit which shall be accompanied by the following:

1. **Type and description of the animal.**
2. **Evidence that the pet has been spayed or neutered, as applicable;**
3. **All inoculations and licenses required by State or local law; and**
4. **one color photograph of the pet.**

B. All residents with pets permitted to be kept under this Policy shall comply with the following rules:

1. A common household pet means a domesticated animal, such as a cat, dog (maximum adult weight: 20 pounds full grown), fish, and bird that are traditionally kept in the home for pleasure rather than for commercial purposes. The City of Chandler Housing and Redevelopment Division also permits a hamster, gerbil or turtle that are traditionally kept in the home for pleasure rather than for commercial purposes. The size of the aquarium may not exceed 10 gallons.
2. Only one pet, except fish, per household will be permitted.
3. Vicious, exotic, insects (e.g., ant farms) or arachnids (tarantulas) and/or intimidating pets will not be allowed.
4. All permitted pets shall remain inside the resident's unit.
5. Birds, hamsters, and gerbils must be confined to a cage at all times.
6. Residents shall not permit their pet to disturb, interfere or diminish the peaceful enjoyment of neighbors. The term "disturb, interfere and diminish" shall include but not be limited to chirping, biting, scratching, and other like activities.
 - a. Complaints of disturbances or reactions of this nature shall constitute a violation of the lease and may result in the revocation of the pet permit, termination of the lease agreement, or both.
7. Residents are solely responsible for cleaning up permitted pet droppings inside the unit. All droppings will be cleaned up immediately. Droppings must be disposed of by being placed in a suitable covered trash container.
8. Residents shall take adequate precautions and measures necessary to eliminate pet odors within or around the unit and shall maintain the unit in a sanitary condition at all times.
9. If the pet is left unattended for a period of twenty-four (24) hours or more, the COCHRD may authorize entrance to the dwelling unit, removal of the pet and transfer of the pet by proper authorities, subject to provision of Arizona law and local ordinances. The COCHRD accepts no responsibility for the animal under such circumstances.
10. Non-registered and/or visiting pets are not allowed.

11. Residents shall not alter their unit or unit area in order to create an enclosure for any pet.
12. Residents are responsible for all damages caused by their pets, including and not limited to the cost of cleaning of carpets and draperies and/or fumigation of units.
13. Residents are prohibited from feeding or harboring stray animals. The feeding of stray animals shall constitute having a pet without the written permission of the COCHRD.
14. All resident (except Kingston Arms) pet owners of a dog or cat are required to pay a refundable deposit of \$100.00 and an additional nonrefundable sanitation fee of \$150.00. Tenants shall pay the \$250.00 deposit in full upon the issuance of the pet registration permit. No partial payments will be accepted. Residents of Kingston Arms (127 North Kingston) will pay a refundable \$250.00 deposit.
15. All resident pet owners (except Kingston Arms) are required to pay a non-refundable pet fee of \$10.00 per month.
16. Should any pet housed in a COCHRD unit give birth, the resident shall remove from the premises all of said pets, within 24 hours of birth.
17. Resident pet owners are responsible for the safety and health of their pet during those scheduled occasions when the dwelling unit is being treated for control of pests.
18. In the event of the death of a pet, the resident shall properly and immediately remove and dispose of the remains. The remains shall not be placed in any container on the grounds of a COCHRD property or in a container on COCHRD grounds.
19. Residents must identify an alternate custodian for pets in the event of resident illness or absence from the dwelling unit. This identification of an alternate custodian must occur prior to the COCHRD issuing a pet registration permit.

C. The privilege of maintaining a pet in a unit owned and/or operated by the COCHRD shall be subject to the rules set forth in paragraph B, above. This privilege may be revoked at any time, subject to the COCHRD Grievance Procedures, if the animal should become destructive, create a nuisance, represent a threat to the safety, health, quiet, enjoyment, and security of other residents, or create a problem in the area of cleanliness and sanitation. If the COCHRD determines, on the basis of objective facts, supported by written statements that a pet owner has violated a rule governing the owning or keeping of pets, the COCHRD may serve a Written Notice of Pet Rule Violation on the pet owner in accordance with this policy.

D. The COCHRD shall notify the pet owner if the COCHRD refuses to register a pet. The notice shall state the basis for COCHRD's action and shall be served on the pet owner as required in Paragraph C of this regulation.

CERTIFICATION

I have a pet and I have received, read and understand the above policy provisions regarding the keeping of pets and agree to abide by those provisions.

TENANT: _____ DATE: _____

By: _____
Its: Housing Administrative Supervisor DATE: _____

I do not have a pet and the above policy provisions' regarding the keeping of pets does not apply to me.

TENANT: _____ DATE: _____

By: _____
Its: Housing Administrative Supervisor DATE: _____

PET PERMIT

Application for written permission to keep the following type pet in a dwelling unit operated under the City of Chandler Housing and Redevelopment Public Housing program is hereby made:

Type and Description of Animal

Aquarium size _____gal.

I have attached the following:

- ☐ Certificate signed by a licensed veterinarian or State/local authority that the pet has received all inoculations required by State or local law,
- ☐ verification that the dog or cat has been spayed or neutered,
- ☐ verification that the pet owner has the licenses required by the State or local law,
- ☐ a color photograph of the pet

Designated alternate pet custodian is:

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Name: _____ Phone: _____

I fully understand the rules and regulations regarding the privilege of keeping a pet and agree to abide by those rules and regulations.

TENANT: _____ DATE: _____

By: _____
Its: Housing Administrative Supervisor DATE: _____

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